BookChat Spring 2011

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library
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Board Meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 8

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday, May 10

Library board meetings are held at the library and open to the public.

Library Hours

Monday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Library Closures

Sunday, April 24

Sunday, May 29

Monday, May 30

A Modest Renovation

As many of you have read in the local news or our e-newsletter, or perhaps noticed on the display board inside the library, we are planning an interior renovation project for the spring and summer of this year. The anticipated timeline runs from April 11 through June 20.

We are planning to remain open through most of the project, and will continue to provide as many services as possible during the construction. There will likely be a few days - perhaps as much as a week - that we'll need to close. The dates will be publicized well in advance. Many similar library projects result in a 4-8 week closing, but we prefer to stay open as much as possible. We hope you'll pardon a little dust and noise during this time.

For most of the project, our checkout desk and computer access will be downstairs in the Spruth program room. There may be times when services are a little cumbersome or less convenient than we'd like; these will be brief and well worth the inconvenience. The end result will be an improved library that we will all enjoy using. We invite you to visit the library to get a preview of the project.

Why now?

Our building was constructed long before computers entered popular culture. Digital technology has had a significant impact on the needs of library users in the past several decades.

More than ten years ago, the Library's Board of Trustees began discussing a renovation that would help us serve 21st century information needs. We commissioned a building study and began setting aside money in a special reserve fund. The study produced a Building Plan in 2008.

We've been conservative with our expenditures in anticipation of this project. Our own frugality, combined with contributions from the Friends of the Library and private donors, has produced the funds needed to complete the adult area renovations. The budget for the project is $300,000. We are not seeking any additional taxpayer funds for this work. In fact, we held the 2010 levy at the same dollar amount as the 2009 extension. ***CONTINUED ON PAGE 6***

1st floor

- relocated entry
- renovated circulation desk area
- more computers
- more plug-in locations
- dvds and cds located together
- new carpeting throughout 1st and second floor
- new stair flooring

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Brief History of Lake Bluff Public Library

Lake Bluff Public Library was founded in 1919 "as a memorial to its veterans of the war." The library, originally organized by the Lake Bluff Woman's Club, was the idea of Lake Bluff poet W. N. Roundy, who donated over 500 books to begin the collection. The first volume, *A Dictionary of American Authors*, was donated in March, 1920. Located in our Town Hall, the library was open two days and evenings per week. Members of the Woman's Club volunteered as librarians. On June 25, 1926 Lake Bluff citizens held and passed a special election to ask that the community support the library with village taxes.

The library moved from the Village Hall to various locations in town before settling "across the street in new quarters" during August of 1958. "Eight thousand books were carried into the new facilities at 40 Scranton Av." A fund drive raised the $9,000 needed to renovate the new building, which had previously been used as a drugstore and was donated by the pharmacist Graham Munch who lived upstairs. This building held over 8,000 volumes with a monthly circulation of 1,500.

The library remained at the old pharmacy until it moved to its present location in 1975. The original structure at 123 East Scranton consisted of approximately 7,300 square feet and was designed to hold 40,000 volumes. In 1973 the library board told the architects they wanted a building to be "compatible with the 1st National Bank of Lake Bluff [located across the street to the North] and the rest of the village." The original estimate for the building including furnishings was under $400,000. Two hundred volunteers moved 20,000 volumes to the new location at 123 East Scranton during late summer of 1975.

In 2010, the library's monthly circulation averaged over 8000+ items. The current collection consists of 52,000 items including digital media, books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. Beginning mid-April 2011, the library will begin a renovation to support the changing collection and our community's needs. Samples of the carpet and other materials are on display at the library.

Top photo: Pharmacy building located at 40 E. Scranton in the mid 1950's.
Middle photo: Current building under construction in 1974.
Bottom photo: Current building - early picture of the staff work area.

Quotes for this article came from the Lake Bluff Public Library's ProQuest database located on our website http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org. The information is found in the Chicago Daily Tribune on August 28, 1958 and September 29, 1919. Photos and other information came from the Vliet Center for Lake Bluff History.

ProQuest is an online database featuring the historical archives of the Chicago Daily Tribune 1849-1985 - a great search tool for local history and school projects. To access the database, simply go to the Lake Bluff Public Library website, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the ProQuest logo. Begin your search. If you are accessing the database from outside the library, go to Lake Bluff Public Library's website (http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org), type in your barcode and begin your search.

mango languages is an online language learning tool that allows English speaking users to learn over 30 different foreign languages, as well as over a dozen languages for English as a second language. In addition, the "translate tool" allows users to translate from a foreign language to English. To find Mango, go to the Lake Bluff Public Library website (http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Mango. You have the option of logging in and keeping track of your progress or skipping the login process altogether.

Showtime! Movies at the Library.

All movies start at 6:00pm to allow time for discussion afterwards. Refreshments are served.

Mondays:

March 7- *Inception*
(PG-13, 2010, 148 minutes)

March 14- *Catfish*
(PG-13, 2010, 86 minutes)

March 28- *Burlesque*
(PG, 2010, 100 minutes)

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Adult Book Clubs

Attend a book club and share your comments with other book lovers. A librarian leads the open-ended and insightful discussion. Your ideas about the book are welcome and they may change!

Use your library card, not your credit card. No need to buy the book. All of the books for the discussions are available in print and audio for check-out at the circulation desk. Some of the titles can be downloaded from our website at MyMediaMall.

Nonfiction Book Club

Saturday Afternoons at 2:00pm

March 12- *Cradle of Gold* by Christopher Heaney (2010, 285p.)
April 9- *From Baghdad, With Love* by Jay Kopelman (2006, 196p.)
May 21- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (2010, 369p.)

Evenings Book Club

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 10- *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam (Fiction, 2006, 289p.)
April 14- *The Big Short* by Michael Lewis (Nonfiction, 2010, 461p.)
May 12- *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom (Fiction, 2010, 368p.)

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club at 1:30pm

March 15- *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen (Nonfiction, 2009, 241.)
April 19- *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julie Alvarez (Fiction, 1994, 325p.)
May 17- *Mama Day* by Gloria Naylor (Fiction, 1988, 312 p.)

Hats Off to the Twentieth Century and Beyond

Tuesday, March 1 at 1:30pm

Hats Off is an interactive fashion show featuring men's and women's vintage hats and accessories. Susan Kohl-Jankowski's hat collection dates back to the early 1900's with hats representing every decade through the present. Her presentation is an entertaining journey with historical facts and humorous anecdotes about the people who wore the "Treasured Toppers."

The New Mainline for American Religion: Conflicts among these Religions and Paths to Resolutions

Thursday, March 3 at 7:00pm

The new mainline for American religion is Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Dr. Ron Miller leads a discussion of what conflicts have arisen among these three religions and an exploration of what paths may be taken to promote dialogue, reconciliation, and peace. Dr. Miller earned a PhD. in Comparative Religions from Northwestern University, is a co-founder of *Common Ground* in Deerfield and has been a professor in the Department of Religion at Lake Forest College since 2001.

Never Put Ketchup on a Hot Dog!

Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm

Travel through Chicagoland's neighborhoods both past and present with an eye on the the people and passion behind the Chicago style hot dog stands. Join Bob Schwartz, a senior executive at Vienna Beef and author of the 'cultlike' book, *Never Put Ketchup on a Hot Dog!* as he talks about the folks who produce, sell and eat those famed Chicago hot dogs. Ask about your favorites and hear some fun stories about these Chicago icons and why their longevity far surpasses the typical restaurant lifespan.

The Mystery of Living: Agatha Christie

Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30pm

Agatha Christie (1890-1976) was a prolific English "Queen of Crime" author of world renown. She created such famous detectives as Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple. In 1971, Christie received England's highest honor, the Order of the British Empire, Dame Commander. Betsey Means from *Woman Lore* returns to our library to portray Agatha Christie in a one-woman performance adapted from journals, autobiographies, and personal writings. Ms. Means offers a complete theatrical experience, authentically costumed and designed, accurately evoking the era being portrayed.

Poetry Live

Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm

April is National Poetry Month. In celebration, poets and poetry lovers are invited to enjoy readings by the Deerfield Poets at our library. Join us!

Wool Gatherers

Mondays at 7:00pm

This program is an ongoing adult gathering that meets the third Monday of each month. Our circle of needle artists gets together to share stories, solve problems and to work on our current projects. Wool Gatherers is open to all skill levels and registration is not required.

March 21

April 18

May 16

Free Book Sale Items

Bring this coupon in for three free book sale items in the Spruth Room.

One coupon per household. Please use by April 1, 2011.

Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Mo Willems Week

Sunday, March 13 – Saturday, March 19

Children ages 3 – 7 years can celebrate the many books by the award winning Mo Willems. Stop in the library and pick up an entry form and then locate Mo's books in downtown Lake Bluff. Is that Piggy & Elephant at the Village Hall or Knuffle Bunny at the post office? A random drawing will be held from all the correct entries. The winner will receive an Elephant & Piggy plush set. While you're at it, stop in the library and play the new board game based on Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus. We will also have Mo Willems fun sheets and craft available all week.

Preschool Storytime

6 consecutive Tuesdays starting March 8, 2011

2 year olds 11:15-11:35am
For 1 child with 1 adult

3-5 year olds 10:30-11:00am
For children w/out adult

Registration is required.

The 25th Annual Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest And The 22nd Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Pick up your entry form for these two contests beginning Tuesday, March 1.

*All entries for both contests are due no later than Wednesday March 23, 2011 by 6:00pm

*Winners will be announced Monday April 11, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

* An award presentation ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011 7 P.M. at Blair Park Rec Center.

*Visit the Children's Department for complete details!

The Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest is open to children in grades 1 through 8. Children can write a short story on any subject they wish. First Place winners will receive a $50.00 savings bond.

The Bookmark Design Contest is open to children in grades K through 8. Children can design bookmark on the theme of reading and/or books. First Place winners will receive 100 professionally printed copies of their winning entry. All winning entries will be available for patrons at the library.

Parent/Child Reading Club

Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 -
Leepike Ridge by N.D. Wilson

Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 -
Fairies of Nutfolk Wood by Barb Ullman

Boys and girls in grades 4-5 can bring a parent to our book discussion group. We will meet once a month to discuss a different book. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.

Movie At The Library

Friday, April 1st at 2:00

Movie titles will be announced. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Money Smart For Kids

Saturday, April 9 at 1:00

Lake Bluff sponsored award-winning columnist, author, inventor and founder and CEO of Money Savvy Generation, Susan Beacham will work with you and your child to learn about the four choices they have for money, how to set goals for those choices and ultimately through these lessons, learn how to delay gratification. Registration is required.

National Library Week

Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16

Celebrate the many wonders of your library with us this week. We offer you everything from magazines to books, to computers for recreation and education. Visit the Children's Department and see what's new.

***Bookmark Design Contest Display** -- All of the 22nd Annual Bookmark Design Contest entries will be on display in the Children's Department. Come see all the imaginative designs.

Drop-In Craft

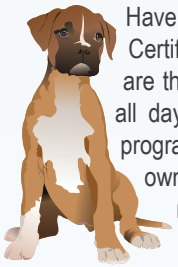
Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16

Drop in and make a delightful craft for National Library Week to take home. (While supplies last.)

Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Certified Therapy Dogs

Saturday, May 7 at 11:00



Have you ever wondered what a Certified Therapy Dog does? How are they trained and what do they do all day? Join us for this fascinating program with real dogs and their owners who will demonstrate the many important works these dogs do and how they got to be professional therapy dogs.

Winter Reading Club Ends

Saturday, May 7th

The last day to report on any books for the Winter Reading Club. No badges will be awarded after that date.

Mad Hatters Return

Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 A.M.

Mad Hatters return for another rousing performance by these vivacious women.

This will be a 30 minute program of fast-paced stories, rhymes and songs with audience participation for preschoolers with their caregivers and older children.

Lake Bluff Library now has TumbleBooks e books for e- readers

Click on the TumbleBooks button at the bottom of our web page. Great For Beginning Readers!

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Summer Reading Club Starts

Saturday, June 11

Rustle up a Good Book!

Just for Teens

Teens Wanted

Dates of Meetings will be announced.

Lake Bluff Library is looking for teens age 13 and up to join our lively and fun Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Tell us what you would like for teen programming, DVDs, books, music. Snacks will be provided. Contact Ms. Eliza or Ms. Williams for dates and time of next meeting

Teen Movie

Sunday, March 13 at 2:00

Teens can join us for movie and popcorn. Movie title will be announced.

Knitting With Eliza

Dates & times will be announced.

Teens, if you have ever had an interest in knitting, this is the group for you. Knitting Guru, Eliza can help you with anything from simple hats and scarves to funky patterns and neat stiches. Beginners are welcome in this relaxed, informal group. Contact Ms. Eliza or Ms. Williams for dates and times of next meetings.

Scrapbooking Club With Ms. Rachel

Sunday, March 6, Sunday, April 3, Sunday, May 1 all at 2:00

Registration is required.

Bring your own pictures and memorabilia, Ms. Rachel will supply the scrapbooking album and everything else you will need to put together your own keepsake memory album. Sign up for these fun and creative programs.

Check us out on Facebook & Twitter (LakeBluffLib)!

Find us on Facebook

A Modest Renovation, Continued from page 1

What work will be done?

- Improve the brightness and energy efficiency of our lighting
- Replace the carpeting in the adult areas and the flooring on the staircases
- Share the Vliet Museum's entrance to highlight our partnership and simplify elevator access
- Provide more and better seating space for studying, reading, and using computers
- Create laptop-friendly Wi-Fi seating on the 2nd floor, complete with electrical outlets
- Ensure that we are ADA compliant with our entrance and interior walkways
- Improve the efficiency of the staff workspace and our checkout desk
- Bring the AV collection together in a sensible way

Where can we find up-to-date information?

We will communicate the potential dates closed after we approve the construction bids in early March. Visit our web site at **www.lakeblufflibrary.org**, follow us on Twitter, or "like" us on Facebook to get the most current information about the status of the project.

Museum Adventure Pass

Take advantage of the Macy's Museum Adventure Pass! Use your Lake Bluff Library card and check out a pass to get free or discounted admission to select Chicago area museums. Visit **www.MuseumAdventure.org** for more information and a list of participating museums. This special opportunity is made possible by a generous contribution from Macy's in partnership with the North Suburban Library System.

The Friends of the Library

Linda Schwartz, President

Eileen Laack, Vice President

Eva Javier, Treasure

Mary Dahlmann, Secretary

Friends' Meetings at 10:00am

Meetings are changed to the second Saturday of the month.

Saturday, March 12

Saturday, April 9

Saturday, May 14

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